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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, CH, TD  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF VICE PREMIER KENG PIAO TO TRINIDAD AND  
TOBAGO

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1976

1. VICE PREMIER KENG PIAO OF PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
ARRIVED IN PORT OF SPAIN MORNING OF JULY 12 WITH 23-MEMBER  
PARTY. ALTHOUGH SECURITY AT AIRPORT HAD BEEN BEEFED UP,  
STANDING RULES BANNING PHOTOGRAPHY AT AIRPORT WERE RELAXED  
TO PERMIT COVERAGE BY LOCAL PRESS AND TELEVISION AS WELL AS  
BY CAMERA CREWS ACCOMPANYING PARTY.

2. AS EXPECTED, GOTT RECEPTION PARTY WAS HEADED BY MINIS-  
TER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE CUTHBERT JOSEPH AND MRS.  
JOSEPH, ASSISTED BY WELL-KNOWN CRICKETER DERYCK MURRAY WHO  
HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED TO THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL OF  
THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. FLATTERING, FOUR-PAGE ARRIVAL STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED  
TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE AIRPORT BY STAFF OF PRC  
EMBASSY IN PORT OF SPAIN. STATEMENT WAS DULY CARRIED IN  
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FULL IN GUARDIAN; EXPRESS AND TELEVISION EVENING NEWS  
CARRIED BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS AND ARRIVAL PHOTOS.

4. ARRIVAL STATEMENT COMMENDED TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR  
PURSUING AN INDEPENDENT POLICY OF PEACE, NEUTRALITY AND NON  
ALIGNMENT, AND NOTED THAT T&T SUPPORTS NATIONAL INDEPEN-  
DENCE MOVEMENTS IN THE (CARIBBEAN) REGION, OPPOSES RACIAL

DISCRIMINATION AND OPPRESSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND WORKS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW AND REASONABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST, STATEMENT SAID THE PRC "FIRMLY SUPPORTS THE JUST STAND T&T TAKES ON INTER-NATIONAL ISSUES."

5. STATEMENT ALSO SAID PRC RESOLUTELY OPPOSES POWER POLITICS AND HEGEMISM PRACTICED BY SUPERPOWERS AND SAID PRC WILL NEVER SEEK HEGEMONY OR ACT LIKE A SUPERPOWER. IT ADDED THAT PRC MAINTAINS THAT AFFAIRS OF A COUNTRY SHOULD BE MANAGED BY ITS OWN PEOPLE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SHOULD BE MANAGED JOINTLY BY ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND MUST NOT BE MONOPOLIZED BY THE SUPERPOWERS. STATEMENT ADDED THAT PRC WISHES TO ESTABLISH CLOSER RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AND TO INCREASE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THEM. REFERRING TO PM WILLIAMS' TWO VISITS TO CHINA AND REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS FOUR YEARS AGO, STATEMENT SAID PURPOSE OF PRESENT TRIP IS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

6. NO PUBLIC COMMENT IN REPLY WAS MADE BY GOT.

7. COMMENT. RECEPTION BEING GIVEN TO CHINESE APPEARS TO BE ON A PAR WITH THAT GIVEN OTHER HIGH-RANKING DELEGATIONS  
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FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, WITHOUT EXCESSIVE ZEAL. WHILE IT DOES GIVE PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE ONCE AGAIN HIS INDEPENDENCE FROM "TRADITIONAL" POWERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SPHERE, WE CAN THINK OF FEW CONCRETE BILATERAL ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED FROM THIS VISIT ON EITHER SIDE. FOX

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